Diploma in computer application course in Hindi meduim

541. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) when the Diploma in Computer Application course was introduced in Hindi medium;

(b) what is the number of books on each subject and video lectures that have been prepared since then;

(c) what is the scheme of Government to accelerate production of books, videos; etc. for computer courses in Hindi medium; and

(d) which is the nodal centre to coordinate preparation of course material for computer course in Hindi medium?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Diploma in Computer Application in Hindi Medium was introduced in 1984.

(b) At present, 9 books are available in Hindi medium or the following subjects on Computer:—

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—	Computer Programming	2
—	Computer Hardware	1
—	Computer Glossary Book	1
—	Computer Assisted Learning	1

However, at present, there are no video lectures available in Hindi Medium for the course.

(c) Government has instituted an award scheme for authors writing original books on Electronics (including Computers).

(d) The Department of Electronics and the Commission for scientific and Technical Terminology under the Ministry of Human Resource Development are coordinating the preparation of course meterial for computer courses in the Hindi Medium.

Extension beyond the retirement age

542. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain Officers of Doordarshan and All India Radio have recently been given extension on the eve of their retirement in violation of Government's orders of May, 1977 and January, 1983 restricting extension in service to extremely rare and exceptional circumstances; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor alongwith the circumstances under which the extensions have been given?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) None of the officers of All India Radio and Doordarshan belonging to regular Government Servants Cadre has been granted extension in the recent past from 1st April, 1991 onwards.

Extension to AIR to Director General

543. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former AIR Director General was not given extension on the ground that the then Prime Minister was strictly against any extension to the superannuated officials;

(b) if so, the details;

(c) whether the present Director General of Doordarshan is also due to retire and similar decision would be taken; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) No proposal for extension to Shri A. R. Shinde, former Director General, All India Radio was considered by the Government.

(c) and (d) Shri Shiv S. Sharma, former Director General, Doordarshan has retired from service on 31.8.1991 on attaining the age of superannuation.

Fraud in renting maruti cars by MVL

544. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 12th Augest, 1991 under the caption "Of Maruti's Murkiest of Fraud" wherein it has been stated that a maruti car financed by the MUL at an instalment of Rs. 3125/- p.m. is rented to the company for Rs. 3700/- p.m.;

(b) if so, what are the other details of the contract entered into with Europ Car stating when the deal was signed and the number of Maruti cars supplied;

(c) whether Maruti Udyog Limited had advertised this scheme or tenders were called;

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard, if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The details are given in th Statement attached.

(e) to (f) Comments of Maruti Udyo Ltd. have been obtained.

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Fraud in renting of Maruti Cars by MU

(b) Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL) signe a contract with M/s. Vins Overseas Indi Pvt. Ltd. (sole Licensees for Europea International in India) on 30th March 1990 to hire 86 cars from them for use for officials purposes. These 86 cars replaced 128 vehicles owned by the Company.

The terms of this contract were a follows:—

MUL would hire these cars for an initial period of 18 months and would pay rental at the following rates:—

For Standard Car	Rs. 3,565/-per car per month.
For AC Car	Rs. 3,995/-per car per month.

The contract may be renewed for a further period of 18 months on such terms & conditions as may be agreed upon mutually. However, all cars would be replaced with brand new cars at the end of the said period.

The cars are under self-driven car rental scheme. MUL provides petrol, drivers, office space, parking space, electricity, water etc. Europcar is fully responsible for maintenance, repairs, servicing, comprehensive insurance, registration, road tax etc. in respect of these cars.

Europcar bought these cars from MUL and MUL financer them at 15 per cent rate of interest compounded monthly on